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PRIOR RPT PRIOR TO BEING FULLY CLEARED. INR HAS NOW
REVISED PARA 2 PAGE 12 AS FOLLOWS:

" THE RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER
GOLDA MEIR PROVIDED FURTHER EVIDENCE TAT ISRAEL WILL
CONTINUE TO LOOK TO THE U. S. THROUGH THE 1970' S FOR
ASSISTANCE IN MEETING ITS REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH- PERFORMANCE
AIRCRAFT. AT THE SAME TIME, ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO
STRIVE TO DEVELOP ITS CAPACITY TO PRODUCE MIRAGE- TYPE JET
FIGHTERS INCORPORATING THE U. S. J-79 ENGINE. ISRAEL,
HOWEVER, WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN ACHIEVING ITS ULTIMATE
GOAL OF TOTAL PRODUCTION SELF- SUFFICIENCY DURING THIS
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PERIOD TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WILL HAVE TO LOOK TO AMERICAN
OR OTHER OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR CERTAIN CRITICAL COMPONENTS.
BASED ON EXISTING CONTRACTS AND PENDING NEW REQUESTS FOR
A-4 AND F-4 AIRCRAFT, AS WELL AS ON WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT
CURRENT ASSEMBLY AND PRODUCTION GOALS, IT APPEARS THAT
ISRAELI FORCE PLANNERS CONTEMPLATE AN AIR ORDER OF BATTLE
BY THE LATTER PART OF THIS DECADE FEATURING AN INVENTORY
WELL ABOVE THE PREVIOUSLY ESTIMATED 350 HIGH PERFORMANCE

JET FIGHTERS. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE SIGNS OF POSSIBLE
ISRAELI INTEREST IN ADDING EVENTUALLY A MORE ADVANCED
PLANE, SUCH AS THE F-14, TO THE IDF INVENTORY." RUSH

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